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# Interview Summary

Application No.

09/674,280

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Vera Afremova

Art Unit

1651

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Vera Afremova.

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(2) Vincent K. Shier.

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Date of Interview: 22 October 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: all.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The possible claim amendments drawn to the use of a liquid koji mold culture and to the use of liquid koji fermentation have been discussed in order to distinguish from the prior art, in particular WO 95/28853. Examiner asked to demonstrate a clear support for the possible claim amendment. RCE has been recommended.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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